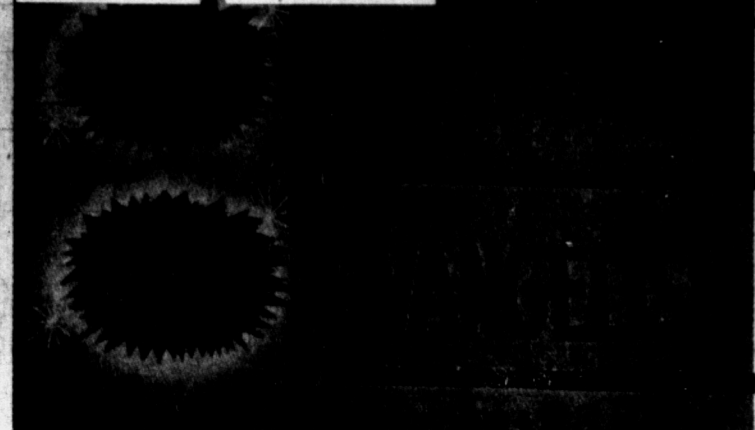


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In Mississippi—Spirit Of '72—Enlargement Now

The 1972 S. S. Campaign In An Urban Association

By Zeno Wells
Superintendent of Missions
Jackson County Association

In the southern most section of our beloved state there lies a strip of God's good earth that is commonly called the Mississippi Gulf Coast. One area of this Gulf Coast land is known as Jackson County.

To this wonderful land of opportunity and responsibility people are coming by the thousands from almost every state in the nation. They are coming because of the opportunity for

employment, and the climate that promises so much for the well being of their families. This county we have chosen to designate as the Industrial Capital of Mississippi, having an increase in population of 272% in the last 20 years. Right in the very center of this part of the Coast land is the Jackson County Baptist Association, representing 37 churches, 4 mission chapels and 15,000 plus Southern Baptist Church members.

The 1972 Sunday School Enlargement — Enlistment Program fits right into the emphasis of our Baptist Work in 1972 and for many years to come. Out of these 37 churches, 32 have recently built, are building now, or will be building soon to provide space for the increase in the number attending the church facilities for Bible Study. Our goal is for 100 per cent participation in this outreach to the multitudes.

Two other factors in our Associational program will serve to implement the special Sunday School emphasis, namely, the ten year projection for reaching the people by the Home Mission Board special study, and the county-wide Crusade in July led by Dr. H. J. Daniels.

Immediately following the county-wide Crusade will be our search for people, August 18-20. The Enlargement Campaign is set for September 10-13 with most of the pastors serving as directors; Bryant Cummings serving as general director. Following the enlargement emphasis will come our Central Leadership Training School with night sessions and duplicate morning sessions. The faculty for this school has been secured and the date is October 23-25.

To add still further to the number studying God's word in our area we plan to make much of the Fellowship Bible Classes, and begin this year two mission chapels in a most rapidly growing section.

Because of the appalling ignorance of the facts in the Bible; the ignorance of the wonderful message the Bible contains, and the coldness and indifference with which Bible truths

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'People To People' Is The Key

By W. Michael Everett
Pastor, Braxton Baptist Church
Braxton is a small church in Simpson County composed of people who are receptive to new ideas, ready to serve, and seeking avenues for their service. Braxton community is also a community that has unchurched people — new families from Jackson, a new land development called Pine Lake Estates, country homes, and many families within a "stone's throw" of the church who do not attend the services of any community church.

The Enlargement Campaign is an action - oriented endeavor which will, prayerfully, give the membership of our church a spirit of enthusiasm when they are led to see their potential and the opportunities around them of reaching people, and more importantly, when they are trained to meet these opportunities.

The Enlargement Campaign is such a training program. The members of our church will experience an "outreach evangelism clinic" which will entail much of the same preparation as is usual in an Enlargement Campaign. However, the people will be involved with more intensive visitation and personal witnessing.

In preparing for this experience, there are many facets involved. The first of which will be the Mass Motivation meetings, one of which we shall attend May 25 in McComb. Another area of preparation centers around a "People Search." After obtaining the necessary materials, the pastor and Sunday School Director will lead in an extensive census of our community. The pamphlet, "Box Full of Opportunities," presents invaluable guidelines in organizing a workable, active visitation file. This pamphlet is found in the pastor's packet and will be used to prepare such a file after the census is completed.

After this portion of work is completed, various assignments will be

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Purpose And Plan Of The 1972 Campaign

By Bryant Cummings
State Chairman, 1972
Sunday School Campaign

Mississippi Baptists stand on the threshold of historical, spiritual and numerical potentials.

The churches and associations of Mississippi are becoming deeply involved in planning and projecting for

the search out of people, a study of the Sunday School under the direction of the pastor or a guest director and training emphasis to provide information and concern for teachers of the Bible.

The year 1972 is being recognized as a year of "The Spirit of '72 Enlargement Now!" The plan being sug-

gested to the membership of our Mississippi churches and associations involves some simple but significant procedures in order to provide training and assistance in the reaching of people. There are five area survey-causes — people search meetings being conducted around the first of May.

This will assist workers of local churches and associations to be better prepared in taking a religious survey or a search for people. To inspire and motivate the hearts of church members, and looking forward to August, September and October across the stage, some ten area Mass Motivation Meetings are planned for the latter part of May across the state.

The Motivation Meetings are for all church members including youth. It is the design of these Motivation Meetings to inspire people with gospel music and the gospel message and send them back to their churches with a desire and a compassion to become deeply involved in the enlargement, outreach effort in Mississippi.

The climax of the 1972 plan will come during the months of August, September and October. The month of August will be used as a month for the survey or census of people search.

It is our hope and honest prayer that this survey which will cover the entire state of Mississippi will involve us in the reaching of many boys, girls, men and women as potential prospects for our Baptist churches.

The month of September is being suggested as a time for a Pastor-Led Enlargement - Improvement Campaign in the local church with the pastor and people meeting for some three or four nights to conduct the Sunday School organization in a very practical way to the total church program.

Some churches will be involved in a Director-Led Enlargement - Improvement Campaign with a guest director being invited in the local church to

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Potential Of The '72 Campaign

By W. Douglas Hudgins
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Our current Convention-wide emphasis on Sunday School Enlargement and Enlistment had its inception nearly two years ago.

Our department directors and their associates, after thoughtful and prayerful evaluation, recommended to the Executive Committee and through them to the Convention Board that Mississippi Baptists make their major thrust for 1972 that of increased Bible Study through enlargement of its Sunday Schools.

Since the Convention Board meeting in September, 1971, all departments of our work have united in the effort, and every Director with his or her staff have been personally involved.

This effort of Enlargement Now, in which our Superintendents of Missions, Associational Moderators, Sunday School Directors, and hundreds of congregations are participating, should result in noticeable increases in Sunday School enrollment and attendance.

Along with Churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention we will be giving emphasis in 1973 to Evangelism.

Reaching more people through the Sunday School should make possible a greater number won to Christ and the Church next year.

I sincerely trust and pray that all our Churches will do their utmost in enlargement this year, and evangelism in 1973.

What I Expect The Sunday School Campaign To Do For My Church

By P. A. Michel
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Brookhaven

I am a Baptist pastor today because of a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign I recognize that this is not the usual result of such a campaign but it did happen to me a number of years ago. At that time I was an educational director leading a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign in a church during their interim

period and the result was the pulpit committee invited me to be the church's pastor.

This came at a time when I was praying for God's leadership in this direction and in a very vivid way He answered me through the Sunday School of that church. However, that is not the main reason I am convinced of the worth of Sunday School Enlargement Campaigns, but rather because of the results I have seen from conducting them in a large number of churches in Mississippi, Georgia, Missouri, Alabama and Tennessee.

I believe that the Sunday School Enlargement, Enlistment program is the best single thing that a church can do to enhance its organization. It is a "do-it-yourself" program which allows it to be economical without losing any of its effectiveness. It is a program that acquaints every member of the Sunday School with the

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Sunday School Campaign In Rural Associations

By George F. Lee
Tri-County Superintendent of Missions
Columbia

A Sunday School Enlargement Campaign is for rural churches, too! Associations serving rural churches will provide preparation meetings to assist church leaders in conducting an Enlargement Campaign. Area surveys are being taken to reveal growth possibilities.

Rural churches having an Enlargement Campaign will witness beneficial results for their investment of time and effort. New faces will be seen at Bible study, more effective teaching will be provided and a spirit of revival will prevail.

It is not easy for a church to have a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign in a rural community. But the barriers to such a program being undertaken will probably point more surely to the need for having this enlargement emphasis.

One barrier is the popular notion in our rural areas that "we already know everybody and everybody knows where our church is." This concept has typically been proven guesswork and indifference on the part of church members.

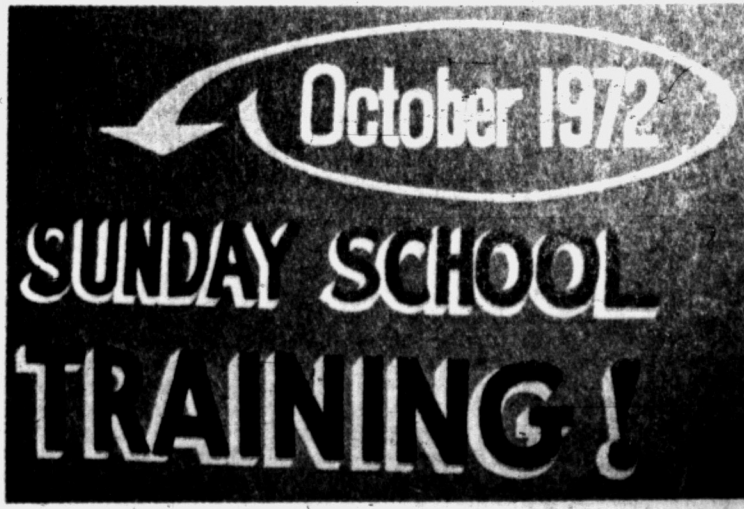
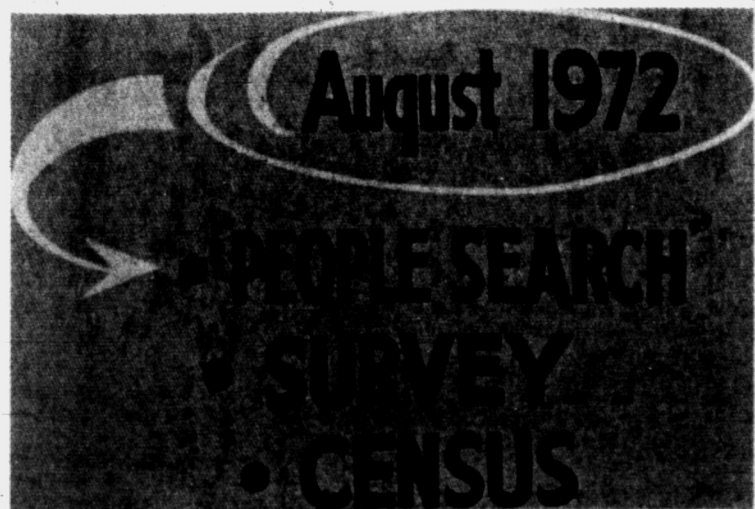
Another barrier is that Sunday school is considered by many as primarily a program for children. Yet adults constitute the largest number of prospects for rural churches.

A barrier we do not like to consider is exposed when we look on our rural church with the perspective of the non-member in the community. He may see one or two people, or one or two families, as dominant in church. He may question his ability to fit into this social or power structure. He, too, may see controversies and wonder if church life is not more of a burden than a blessing.

A barrier to enlargement is failure to understand the value of proper space and equipment. We recognize the significance of proper space and equipment in farming, but have lagged behind in many rural communities as regards the need for similar advancement in our church's Bible teaching program.

Rural people have generally experienced a barrier as regards organization. Where in some urban communities organization has been over stressed, in our rural communities we

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Presidential Panel

Nonpublic School Relief Is Asked

WASHINGTON (BP) — The President's Panel on Nonpublic Education, in its long-awaited report, has recommended federal income tax credits to parents for part of their tuition payments to private and parochial schools.

The tax credit plan, estimated to cost \$500 million a year, is the most expensive of four major recommendations.

This plan "makes the best sense

from an economical, political and constitutional standpoint" of any of the current aid proposals for private schools now before Congress, according to panel chairman, Clarence Walton, president of Catholic University.

The three other major proposals call for tuition reimbursements for nonpublic school children in any future plans for federal aid to education, a construction loan program, and federal assistance to inner-city

poor families through a variety of aid programs.

Specific recommendations for the urban poor call for experiments with educational vouchers, supplemental income allowances for nonpublic school tuitions for welfare recipients and the working poor, an urban assistance program for public and nonpublic schools, and full enforcement of present laws entitling private school students with certain benefits.

The 58-page report, entitled "Nonpublic Education and the Public Good," was released at a White House press conference. Prior to the hour-long press conference, Walton and two of the four panel members presented the report to President Nixon in a 45-minute private session.

President Nixon appointed the panel April 21, 1970, as part of a larger Commission on School Finance. He instructed the panel to study and evaluate the problems concerning nonpublic schools, the nature of the crisis confronting such schools, and to make recommendations for action "which will be the interest of our entire national educational system."

Neil H. McElroy, chairman of the 18-member Commission on School Finance, wrote a letter to President Nixon submitting the report of the Panel on Nonpublic Education. McElroy said that "it is important to recognize that it (the report) represents the views of the panel members and that it has been neither reviewed nor approved by the commission as a whole."

The earlier report from the commission, released the first of March, referred to a number of aid programs for nonpublic schools, but there was a division among the members about recommendations for assistance to private schools that would be both practical and likely to win any later judicial challenge.

Walton, who presided at the press conference, said President Nixon is concerned to have this report "widely read and discussed."

He and fellow panelist Bishop William E. McManus, director of Catholic education in Chicago, were enthusiastic about the President's response to the recommendations. The other panelist present, Ivan E. Zylstra of Grand Rapids, Mich., did not

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Suggestions Are Offered For Laymen Involvement In Mission Efforts



Owen Cooper (left), Yazoo City, Miss., enlists support for the Baptist World Alliance-sponsored conference and tour of Israel in November, 1973 from W. J. Isbell, director of the Baptist Men's Department of the Brotherhood Commission, and C. H. Seaton, Brotherhood director for Arkansas Baptists. Mr. Cooper spoke at the annual Brotherhood Program and Promotion Conference in Memphis.

MEMPHIS (BP)—A wide variety of opportunities involving laymen in missions were unfolded before 30 state Baptist Brotherhood leaders from 30 states in a three-day meeting at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here.

Plans for proposed projects were outlined in such areas as local church missions, lay evangelism, foreign and home mission tours, international Baptist conferences, radio and television ministries and seminary extension.

Offering the suggestions were a battery of leaders including the Brotherhood Commission staff headed by Executive Secretary Glendon McCullough, the chairman of the SBC Executive Committee, Owen Cooper, and representatives of four SBC agencies.

M. Wendell Belew, director of the Missions Division for the SBC Home Mission Board, encouraged the state Brotherhood leaders to continue listing laymen's groups to help in construction work in areas of the country where Baptist work is numerically weak. He also urged laymen to become involved in inner city projects, and to increase the number of indigent boys involved in their Royal Ambassador camps.

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Charlotte Officials Honor Carl Bates As Local Leader, SBC President

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP)—Civic leaders here paid tribute to Carl E. Bates for his efforts at "strengthening the city's spiritual well being" and for the nationwide recognition he has brought the city during his two years as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church here for almost 13 years, was honored at a testimonial dinner in the plush City Club here.

He responded to the kudos from city leaders by saying the only recognition he wanted was the honor the city had accorded him "in allowing me to live among you."

Charlotte Chamber of Commerce President John Ryan, Mayor John Belk, and Wake Forest University President James Ralph Spokes of Winston-Salem, N. C., each spoke words of praise for Bates.

Ryan, Southern Bell Telephone Co.

executive, paid tribute to the Charlotte pastor as a "great spiritual leader."

Mayor Belk presented keys to the city to Mrs. Bates, and their daughter, Judy, who was to be married the following week to Joseph W. Stoneham, the son of a deacon at the Charlotte church. To Bates, they presented a set of golf clubs.

Both Belk and Ryan noted the construction that is underway on the new \$1 million plus church plant in downtown Charlotte for First Baptist

Church. Completion is expected by July 1.

Scales used the testimonial dinner to announce that Wake Forest University will confer an honorary doctoral degree on Bates in the spring commencement.

The Wake Forest president praised Bates for his leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention, which he characterized as "a large, amorphous, brawling and even constructive people."

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BATES NAMES CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP)—Southern Baptist Convention President Carl E. Bates, in consultation with vice presidents of the 11.9 million member convention, has named four committee chairmen and a parliamentarian to serve during the denomination's convention in Philadelphia, June 6-8.

Named parliamentarian to assist Bates in presiding over business sessions was Robert Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Chairmen of four special committees were announced by Bates. They are: Randall Lolley, chairman, resolutions committee, and pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Dotson M. Nelson, chairman, committee on committees, and pastor, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham; Joe Hubb Collier, chairman, credentials committee, and businessman, lay preacher and former pastor from Oklahoma City; and George McCotter, chairman, tellers committee, and owner of the Tryon Moving and Storage Co., Lillington, N. C.

Church-State Separation Trend Continues

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — The trend in the courts toward a strict interpretation of the First Amendment's no-establishment of religion clause has accelerated during the past month. Recent developments underscore the trend toward rejection on constitutional grounds of all programs of public assistance to church schools. A federal court struck down a New York law in January under which \$33 million had been allocated to pay for so-called secular courses offered in parochial schools.

In Vermont in March a three-judge

federal court avoided a similar plan to lend teachers and equipment to parochial schools.

In Pennsylvania on April 6 a three-judge federal panel found unconstitutional a plan to provide tax aid to parochial schools thru the device of tuition reimbursements. The court held that "the state has no more power to subsidize parents in providing religious education for their child than it has to subsidize church-related schools to do so."

In New York yet another federal court has issued an injunction against

payments for "mandated services" in parochial schools, pending a final decision by the court. Under this law parochial schools have been compensated by the state (about \$28 million annually) for performing required public services such as counting the number of their students.

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, commented: "There is a wholesome trend in this country to recover strict separation of church and state. It is a trend that is becoming more pronounced each

day. We call upon church leaders to cooperate in the arrangement which has been so signally helpful to all our religious communities. We especially ask them to desist from pressure politics in their efforts to pass unconstitutional legislation benefiting their institutions. A country which constitutionally separates church and state cannot subsidize church schools. Clerics should accept the will of the people and cease injecting religion into political controversies of this kind."

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RICHMOND (BP)—More than 1,400 persons met at First Baptist Church here to study the Bible as a message of joy and hope and to discover the Bible's relevance to contemporary life during the National Bible Conference — East.

The sessions sounded the same themes of hope and joy that were voiced a month earlier at a similar National Bible Conference — West in Denver. Both were sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville in cooperation with local and area Baptists.

Featuring six Bible book studies, three conferences on the Bible and contemporary concerns, a joint conference on Philipians and four evening messages, the sessions here were led by noted Southern Baptist pastors and professors from across the nation.

Speaking at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., told conferees that the word of God, the gospel and experience are producers of hope. Through these, he said, man finds hope of eternal life, hope for righteousness and hope for the resurrection. Joy in life, he concluded, comes as a result of these sources of hope.

During a "youth night" service concurrent with the opening session, Larry Rohman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., told about 300 high school students that there are influences in the world that cause men to follow "the beat of the wrong drummer."

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Seminary Trustees Okay Plans For Advancement

NEW ORLEANS — The Board of Trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary ratified plans for an advanced format for the seminary's curriculum and degree programs, including a new Doctor of Ministry degree, during the annual board meeting this week.

The new program provides for a stronger emphasis on ministry and offers greater flexibility to a student's course of study.

Responding to the need expressed by Southern Baptist churches for a unified approach to ministry by staff members, the new seminary structure emphasizes a common educational experience in which all students will take a sequence of basic studies courses before specializing in the various areas of ministry.

Accepting the unanimous recommendation of the faculty, the board voted to establish five divisions with a Dean of Academic Affairs as the chief academic officer for the seminary.

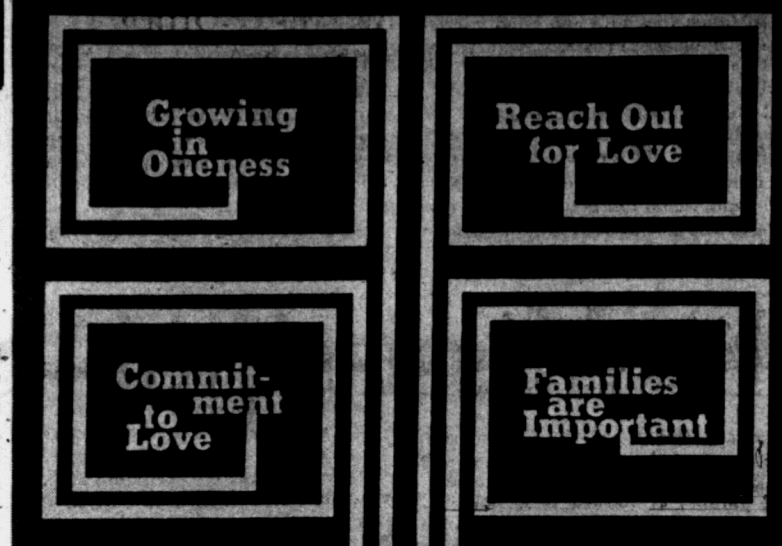
The divisions are: Division of Biblical Studies, Division of Theological and Historical Studies, Division of Pastoral Ministries, Division of Religious Education Ministries, and Division of Church Music Ministries.

Previously the seminary was divided into three separate schools for theology, religious education, and music students.

This change from the old school-type structure will provide a better framework in which to educate the students of the 1970's and 1980's for unit of ministry at the local church level.

Under the new curriculum all students in the master's degree and diploma programs of the seminary will take 28 hours (approximately one year) of basic studies courses, which will provide a broad base for specialization in the various kinds of ministry.

The curriculum is oriented toward ministry, with particular emphasis on the biblical basis of the Christian ministry and its application in the modern world.



CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

May 7-14, 1972

Christian Home Week May 7-14

Christian Home Week will be observed in Southern Baptist churches, May 7-14. The 1972 theme is "The Family in Quest of Enrichment." Four new church study course books will be available for study during the emphasis. These include "Growing in Oneness" for couples, "Reach Out for Love" for single adults, "Commitment to Love" for youth and "Families are Important" for younger children.

State Man Is Speaker At Bible Conference—East

"There is a way to know the right way to go," said Rohman, "and that is by reading God's Word."

Later in the week, speaking to the entire conference on "Hope and Its Promises," Rohman told participants that "Christ in you is the only hope of solving the horrendous problems" of the world.

Speaking of the role of the social gospel, Rohman said, "There are some preachers who are trying to move too fast and therefore, lose some they are trying to lead. . . . My definition of a preacher is one who leads people toward God as fast as he can, but goes as slow as he has to. . . . When a man starts thinking like Jesus, acting like Jesus, and being like Jesus, he cannot hate any man."

Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, speaking on "The Pursuit of Happiness" noted that "happiness is a major Bible concern, approached with sensitivity and seriousness both in the Old and New Testaments."

In discussing the ways to achieve happiness, he included discovering life's ultimate meaning and purpose, coming to terms with oneself and God, settling the really important questions and finding usefulness.

The concluding message was brought by Dale Moody, professor of Christian Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Other conference leaders in Bible studies were John D. W. Watts, and Clyde T. Francisco, both professors of Old Testament at Southern Seminary

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Nonpublic School Relief Asked

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participate in the discussion. When asked if Nixon "endorsed" the recommendation concerning tax credits, Chairman Walton reported that the idea was "perfectly acceptable" to the President.

McManus spoke up and cited recent speeches of the President where he had said "You can count on me" to find ways to aid parochial schools, and said he felt confident that the President would ask for tax credit legislation in the present Congress.

Later in the press conference, Nixon's staff would not commit the President to any position on the recommendations or to any specific timetable for legislation.

"The President is neither endorsing nor rejecting the recommendations. He appreciates the report and looks favorably on the recommendations," the White House press secretary declared.

Ronald Ziegler, White House press secretary, said the President sees tax credits as "an active option" in aiding parents of parochial school children. He insisted that the staff would study the panel's recommendations in light of their constitutionality before making any proposals to Congress.

The panel's report dealt at length with the complex issues of aid to parochial schools and present constitutional law as interpreted in a number of Supreme Court decisions.

Criticism of recent high court decisions dropped up at several places in the report.

The private school panel accused the court of an "inadequate perception of realities in parochial schools" in recent decisions striking down aid programs in Rhode Island and Pennsylvania.

The court has focused on the powers of the hierarchy, the role of the pastors, the teaching commitment of religious (orders); but has virtually ignored the parents, teachers, and pupils who are cut off from certain forms of public assistance, the panel argued.

In appealing for programs to aid private and parochial schools, the panel suggested a number of constitutional guidelines. They asked that "all school pupils should be eligible bene-

ficiaries of aid programs — preferably under a single statutory rubric." Cash subsidies for direct aid to nonpublic schools "should be avoided," the panelists agreed. Financial assistance for the benefit of a nonpublic school pupil should be subject to review by public authority, and systems of accountability for public benefits "must be balanced in ways which permit legitimate accountability while . . . avoiding excessive government entanglement," they urged.

State Man Named As Trustee Officer At Southern

LOUISVILLE (BP)—As part of a major administrative reorganization, trustees of Southern Baptist Seminary here have named two seminary staff members to newly-created vice presidential posts.

Named vice president for business affairs was Badgett Dillard, and elected vice president for development was Wesley M. Pattillo Jr.

Dillard, a native of Georgia, has been the seminary's director of administration and business manager since 1968.

Two longtime employees of the seminary were honored by the trustees. They paid tribute to T. R. Allen Jr., superintendent of building and grounds since 1939, who retires this summer to live in Phoenix, Ariz.; and D. Swan Haworth, professor of psychology of religion since 1960, who will become director of pastoral counseling at Bowman Gray Medical Center, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Re-elected as chairman of the board of trustees was Edward L. Byrd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Florence, S. C.

Also re-elected were the first vice-chairman, A. Douglas Aldrich of Gastonia, N. C.; and second vice-chairman, Joe Jack Hurst, an attorney from Jackson, Miss.

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In Louisville; Fred M. Wood, pastor, Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis; L. D. Johnson, chaplain, Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; A. Stuart Arnold, consultant, Sunday School department, SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville; Henry Turlington, pastor, University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Charles A. Trentham, pastor, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; E. D. McCreary, professor of philosophy of religion, Virginia Union University, Richmond; and Henry M. Chiles, pastor, Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville.

The National Bible Conference — East was sponsored by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, the Virginia Baptist Convention, the Richmond Baptist Association, The Dover Baptist Association and the Middle River Baptist Association.

According to conference coordinator Chester Russell of the Sunday School Board, other associational, state and national Bible conferences are planned for 1973.

Church State Separation

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Court Rejects Missouri Attempt On April 17 the U. S. Supreme Court affirmed a ruling of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri which prohibited public aid for religious purposes and institutions.

The suit, *Brusca v. State of Missouri*, brought by a group of parents with children in parochial schools, alleged that the denial of the benefit of tax funds to them is an abridgment of their right to freely exercise their religion and a failure to extend the benefit of state laws concerning education to all citizens.

The parents argued that Missouri law which prevented state tax aid to parochial schools violated their First Amendment rights for free exercise of religion and their Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection and due process of law.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State joined a group of eleven taxpayers of Missouri to intervene on behalf of the State of Missouri.

The lower court had ruled out any possibility of state aid to parochial schools.

This Supreme Court ruling was handed down on the very same day as that of a three-judge federal court in Ohio which declared unconstitutional an Ohio law providing \$30 million per year state aid for the parochial schools of that state.

E. Mallory Binns, director of Public Relations of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a frequent sponsor of court action against parochial aid, said today:

"Those persons who cherish religious liberty in our great nation can be thankful for a consistent string of court victories. Since last June of 1971 the U. S. Supreme Court has ruled twice against parochial aid proposals. Courts in Vermont, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio have followed with similar rulings. Americans United will continue to plead in the courts against any attempt to saddle taxpayers with the burden of support of church institutions."

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are applied to personal conduct on the part of professed Christians, the insidious Satanic forces from the power of darkness are crouched, ready to pounce upon all that is holy and righteous at the slightest evidence of any weakness, not only in our country but throughout our state.

The answer to this danger is found in the word of God. If the multitudes find the answer, they must be enlisted in consistent Bible study under a dedicated teacher. Having discovered the answer, they must be led to apply the answer through faith that the word of God may become the Lamp unto their feet and a light unto their pathway. Not only must babies be born; they must be nurtured and cared for on the road to maturity. The latter takes a long time and the growth is slow, but we must needs do it as never before if it is not too late. Are you making plans to do anything about it my fellow preachers?

Midwestern's Doctor Of Ministry Degree Is Accredited

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has granted full accreditation of the Doctor of Ministry degree program to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The association, accrediting agency for colleges and universities within eighteen-state area extending from Michigan to Arizona, had accredited the seminary at the Master's level during their 1971 session.



Port Gibson Church Celebrates Centennial

The Port Gibson Baptist Church celebrated its centennial Sunday, April 23 with appropriate ceremonies, including a morning message by a former pastor, Rev. Nat Mayhall, now pastor of Ellistown Church in Union County; dinner for everyone at the church; an afternoon service which included the reading of the church's history; a cornerstone service; and a reception from 3 until 5 o'clock. Shown in picture are, from left: Mr. Mayhall; Mrs. L. Ritchey, Mrs. E. D. Shafer, J. Mark Jones, Mrs. Wm. May, Jr., members of Centennial Committee and Rev. L. B. Atchison, pastor. The church has recently been remodeled, including air-conditioning of the sanctuary.

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work of every age group. Probably some of your adult leaders have no idea what the pre-schoolers need or how they function. During this campaign there is a chance for all of the people to be oriented in all of the

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direct this effort. In many churches the emphasis on improvement will probably receive greater emphasis than enlargement.

The month of October will be a time of training in Mississippi churches and associations. Selected or elected teachers in the churches are in Central or Group Associational Training Schools will study together the basic division and general Sunday School books in providing a strong projection towards the new '72-'73 church year.

A strong, cooperative effort on the part of Mississippi Baptist will provide us with a tremendous springboard into the year of 1973 — a year of Evangelism in Mississippi.

Our ambitions are to make this transition from 1972 to the year of Evangelism with a strong momentum having been gathered this year in the finding of prospects in the enlargement-improvement emphasis and special training.

This is the plan — Mississippi Baptists will initiate and forward this plan for the glory of our Lord as we place the priority on people.

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made concerning updating enrolment, locating prospective workers, setting goals, i.e., attendance, people to be reached, follow-up visitation, ordering the necessary resources, etc.

Preparation for this endeavor has already begun with congregation involvement through sermons on "outreach," "motivation," "concern for the lost," and special presentations of the song "People to People" which has been used in a variety of ways.

The goal is to involve not only lay leaders in this effort, but as many lay men and women to become concerned, to search out and locate prospective people, and then to enlist them in service for our Lord; and, when there is no knowledge of Christ, be willing and prepared to share this knowledge through the experience and learning gained during the outreach clinic. Primarily, the overarching objective is to lead the people of Braxton to see that this community has tremendous spiritual growth potential, and through such training sessions as this conference entails, that they can lead out in the spiritual growth and development of our community.

"People to People" — this is the key.

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Suggestions Are Offered Laymen

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"Groups of men also can help people in trouble at roadside rest stops and give a Christian witness at the same time," Belew said. "They also can start Bible study groups in motels for those men who don't want to spend the night in the bar."

Belew also suggested projects in the area of interfaith witness, mission fellowships, disaster relief, work with migrants, and work with Negroes.

Kenneth L. Chafin, the SBC Home Mission Board's director of evangelism who has arranged 2,500 lay evangelism schools in the last two years, called on state Brotherhood leaders to enlist and inspire key men to take this training.

Chafin said he plans to start 10 to 15 key city lay evangelism schools during the next 18 months. He also expressed a desire to work with Brotherhood leaders in the area of lay renewal.

In the area of foreign missions, Sammy DeBord of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, asked for the help of the state Brotherhood leaders in recruiting missionaries, particularly professional people, and in promotion of associational world missions conferences.

Cooper, who also is a member of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, asked the state Brotherhood leaders to help him enlist 1200 Southern Baptists to attend an international Baptist conference in Israel in November, 1973.

The state Brotherhood leaders voted to support the conference and build attendance through tours they may arrange.

Charlotte Officials

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"No man has led the convention as capably," Scales said.

In response, Bates said he was honored and humbled by the occasion and added that he felt he had made little contribution to the life of the city.

"But I have tried to be a good minister and man," he said.

He praised the laymen of the church, many of whom attended the dinner, for providing leadership in the church during his tenure as president of the 11.5 million member denomination. Bates said he was proud of the dinner, including numerous laymen, civic leaders, denominational officials, local pastors and church members.

NEWS BRIEFS

UKARUMPA, New Guinea (EP)—Fire in the cockpit of a plane operated by the Jungle Aviation and Radio Service, air arm of Wycliffe Bible Translators, caused a crash April 7 which took the lives of five missionaries.

Veteran pilot Doug Hunt of New Zealand was flying the Piper Aztec from Lae on the coast to Wycliffe's base at Ukarumpa when the fire led to an explosion and a crash in remote terrain. Dead along with the pilot are his passengers, Darlene Bee, a Ph.D. linguist from the U.S., Kathleen McNeil, a nurse and Wycliffe linguist from New Zealand, and Oren and Francine Claassen, Mennonite linguists working with the Rawa tribe.

Mr. Claassen is the nephew of Theodore Epp, founder of the Back to the Bible Broadcast in Lincoln, Nebraska.

RICHMOND (BP)—Miss Marjorie Lee Bailey, chaplain at the State Industrial Farm for Women and Pinecrest Center here for the past six years, has been ordained to the gospel ministry by Bainbridge Street Baptist Church. She is the first woman to be ordained by a church affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and apparently the third woman ordained to the ministry by a church in the Southern Baptist Convention. Historical records indicate the first woman ordained to the ministry by a Southern Baptist church was Miss Addie Davis, ordained in 1964 by Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham, N. C., and promptly called as pastor of an American Baptist church, First Baptist Church at Readsboro, Vt. In October of 1971, Kathwood Baptist Church of Columbia, S. C., ordained Miss Shirley Carter, then chaplain at the South Carolina State (mental) Hospital, who in January of this year became a religious and family counselor at the South Carolina prison for women in Columbia.

FORT WORTH (BP)—A Texas historical marker was dedicated here as part of the Founder's Day observance at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here. The marker, which designates the seminary as an official Texas historical site, is located at the main entrance to the campus.

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP)—Mrs. C. DeWitt (Ruth) Matthews, assistant professor of English at William Jewell College here, has been named Missouri Mother of the Year by the Missouri Mothers Association of the American Mothers Committee.

FORT WORTH (BP)—Actor George C. Scott, who refused an Oscar for his performance in Patton and is an avid collector of "fine films," has purchased a copy of a Southern Baptist produced documentary film on pollution for his private film collection. Scott had seen the documentary on ecology entitled "Home," on the American Broadcasting Co. (ABC-TV) network and was so impressed he wanted to buy a print for his personal film collection, the actor's representative told Holcomb.

CHICAGO (BP)—The College of Chaplains has awarded its Distinguished Service Award to a Southern Baptist seminary professor during their 26th annual convention here. Gaines S. Dobbins, distinguished professor emeritus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was cited on the highest honor given by this professional society. The citation particularly noted that Dobbins "was responsible for organizing the appointment of the first three clinically trained chaplains among Southern Baptists in their hospitals and for establishing two training centers which have been in existence since 1947."

LONDON (BP)—Geoffrey Locks, assistant editor of the "Baptist Times," will become the editor of the weekly publication of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland when Editor Walter Bottoms retires next year.

TAIPEI—A series of religious television dramas produced by the Taiwan Baptist Radio and Television Studio, Taipei, has won the Golden Bell Award for television programs in the "Service to Society" category. The award was presented by the Cultural Bureau of the Republic of China during the annual radio and TV Golden Bell Awards dinner in Taipei. The award citation is "for excellence in Radio-TV programming." The locally written and produced series, titled "Happiness at the Gate," consists of family situation dramas which seek to portray Christian solutions to life's problems and to offer Scriptural guidance for everyday life situations.



New BSU Bus For BMC

At the close of a recent chapel period at Blue Mountain College, students, faculty, and staff were invited to go immediately toward the front of the Lawrence T. Lowrey Administration Building to witness the closing part of the assembly time. As the many students and members of the official personnel gazed in happy surprise, Rev. Robert Sugg, director of the college BSU, drove near the group in the new blue, white and silver chrome Baptist Student Union Bus. The new bus was made possible by gifts from friends of the college, students, members of the faculty and staff. It is already in use as an aid to the BSU outreach in all phases of mission work, choir music presentations, and trips to visit shut-ins and the ill.

Sunday School Campaign In Rural Associations

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have often under-emphasized organization.

There is also the barrier of inadequate Bible teaching. Children may be forced to attend Sunday school even if nothing is gained, but not adults. This is a big hurdle to cross in some of our rural churches for a sustained increase in adult attendance.

Lastly, I note the barrier in many rural churches where activity is limited to the church building. Everybody in the community supposedly knows where our church building is, what it's for and who would be welcomed.

I readily admit, therefore, that a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign could be a rather painful experience for a rural church and could result in some restructuring of a church's fellowship. How deeply entrenched a church has become behind these barriers would determine the amount of struggle and effort necessary to experience growth.

The questions to be answered may be, ARE WE WILLING to — Share leadership roles with new people? Settle grievances we may have with people inside and outside the church? Be Christian in resolving our differences within the church? Have a church

which serves people rather than just trying to "get" people to serve the church? Give up a favorite class for the sake of serving the best interests of others? Get the facts about people by means of a survey rather than just guessing about them? Make adjustments in our teaching methods for consideration of some other methods that could possibly mean more effective Bible study? Do the will of the Lord regardless of the consequences?

A Sunday School Enlargement Campaign could reveal a need for Fellowship Bible Classes in the Community, Weekday Bible Study, a mission Vacation Bible School or a Bus Ministry. The need for a better teach-

er training program, a systematic visitation program or a new building could become obvious.

In most rural churches, such an Enlargement Campaign would hinge upon the enthusiastic endorsement and support of the leading laymen or laywomen. While these may in modesty deny such a role of leadership and influence, they are nevertheless at the heart of any rural church's possibility of experiencing meaningful and lasting results from a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign. A rural pastor will sense victory ahead when he has this cooperative assistance for reaching people in the community.

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EDITORIAL

Spirit Of '72 - Enlargement Now

These words are being heard and seen often around Mississippi these days. They are the key words in the Mississippi Baptist program to enlarge the Sunday schools in our churches this year. Turn back to page one of this issue of the Record to learn what the program is about and what is being done.

Southern Baptists long ago discovered that the Sunday school can be used as one of the most effective agencies of growth and advance, that the Lord ever has given to the churches. They discovered that churches which enlarged their Sunday schools were the churches that were reaching more people, were having more souls saved, were baptizing more new members, and were seeing advance in programs, in growth, in budgets, in missions, and in every other way.

The record of Southern Baptist growth in the second third of this century, is clear proof that when Sunday schools are built, the churches grow. The convention had the fastest Sunday school growth in those years of any denomination in American history, and at the same time saw the largest general advance any large denomination has known. It is a record without parallel anywhere.

However, in the mid-sixties, some-

thing happened. Sunday school growth began to lag, and the whole program began to slow up. Actually, from about 1965 to the present there has been a continued drop in Sunday school enrollment, and its effect has been felt in almost the entire program of the churches. Baptisms declined, and growth was slowed down. Finances continued to grow because of the economy, but not with the acceleration that had been experienced in the years immediately preceding, when the Sunday schools still were growing.



Both Southern Baptist and Mississippi Baptist leaders saw what was happening, and many measures were used to try to change the situation. Thus far those efforts have not been very successful, although the number of baptisms did increase last year. Sunday school growth, however, has continued to lag.

Facing this situation Mississippi Baptist leaders determined last year to change it. At that time decision was made to make the year 1972 a year in which we would seek to bring the direction of Sunday school enrollment, back to a growth pattern. The entire staff of the convention board was enlisted to participate. The problem was discussed with pastors and other leaders all across the state, and a state-wide program was adopted. Leaders in every association in the state have been contacted, and enlisted to lead in participation of that area. Hundreds of churches and pastors already are enlisted. It is clear now that the Sunday school enlargement programs in August, September and October, probably will see the widest participation of any enlargement program ever attempted in the state.

May, June and July are preparation months.

August will be the month when churches will go out to find the people who need to be reached.

September will be the time of setting up programs and plans for reaching the prospects who have been found, and beginning to bring them in.

October will be a time for strengthening the Sunday school in its teaching, its organization, and in its whole ministry.

We predict that this well may be the beginning of the greatest Sunday school advance our churches ever have seen.

We sincerely hope that every church in the state, both large and small, will become involved.

As the Sunday schools grow, there will be more baptisms, more people in the worship services, a growth in stewardship, an enlargement of mission interest, and general advance for the whole church program. We want to enlarge the Sunday schools, so that the whole church program will grow.

This should be the spirit of '72. ENLARGEMENT... in every church in the state... NOW!



THROUGH THE GREAT BOOK



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

MY WORLD — MY HOME

Consider the woman. Were her energy translated into some scientific term, there is scarcely a comprehensible number that could contain it. This energy is directed toward many objects. Consider these objects. They are, categorically speaking, home, school, community, church. They are, specifically speaking, her world.

Consider me—I am a woman. Consider you—you are a woman. Our energy is tremendous. Consider the way we use our energy and what it accomplishes when it has been spent.

Consider the average, typical woman, for you and I are average, typical, common, ordinary, usual — we exhibit the essential characteristics of a group — we are of the nature of a type—we are emblematic. Consider our worlds—yours and mine—in the first person.

My world—my home—consists of a building and people. It is my world, for I set the tempo therein. I set the mood. I keep it on even keel, or out of keel. My short temper shortens other tempers in my home. My lengthened temper lengthens the same tempers.

My world—my home—is a building, a house. The house is not perfect, but I know how to make it perfect. Many manufacturers and advertising firms have helped me know this can be done. Their campaigns do not take into account my husband's budget. They do not care that their gain may very easily turn into my loss — loss of peace in my husband's mind, possible loss of his health as he pressures himself to provide more money, loss of his sense of security in my love as he begins to wonder if I have stopped loving him and begun to love instead the things he can buy.

The building that is my home does not have to be perfect.

My husband must know beyond a shadow of doubt that I, as a Christian wife, am delighted to be a part of his life. I must show him, as a Christian wife, that I have the ability to be happy with what I have—and though I may have desires for material things still unfulfilled, my spirits are not dampened toward the possessions I already have.

He must sense as I bid him good-bye that I do not send him away to earn money to do more for us, but to find joy and fulfillment as an individual in the work he does. At the same time I must radiate, spontaneously and genuinely, appreciation for the material by-products of the work he does. He must return to find that I have kept the building that is our home in enough order that he can find rest, relief from tension, refuge from competition, sympathy for frustrations, and recognition of his good qualities.

If my husband cannot find in me the complement for his own Christianity, I have failed. If I have a non-Christian husband, I am all the more responsible. For my life must cause him to look up to Christ and respect His church, not to look down on Christ and have disdain for His church.

PRAY: A STUDY OF DISTINCTIVE CHRISTIAN PRAYING by Charles Whiston (Eerdmans, 154 pp., paper \$2.95) A scholarly study of the deeper meanings of prayer. The author has come to a conviction that Christians need to be taught to pray. This book resulted from an effort to involve Seminary students and faculty members in learning more about prayer.

ENJOY THE CHRISTIAN LIFE by Don Mainprize (Key Publishers, paper, \$1.95, 116 pp.) Every Christian needs to know how to enjoy the Christian life. But what about the rough times? Here are practical answers for a contemporary day.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Seminary Students In Mississippi Pastorates

Dear Doctor Odle:

I read with interest the letter to the editor from Reverend Frank Lescallette of Vancleave, Mississippi, encouraging pastorless churches to consider New Orleans Seminary students as prospective for pastoral leadership. Many of our students are serving with great effectiveness. They are able to be with their churches Friday night through Monday in view of the fact that our classes are scheduled Tuesday through Friday. They are men of maturity, most of whom have already completed four years of college work. Their commitment is obvious and they are in touch with the latest methods and techniques of leadership.

In the event that churches desire to investigate the possibilities of calling one of these dedicated men, they may correspond directly with Reverend Bob May, Church Work Consultant, New Orleans Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana 70126.

Most cordially yours,
Ray P. Rust
Executive Asst to President
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

EDUCATION... what's happening

Washington (UPI) — There were new warnings recently that Americans soon may face drastic restrictions on their use of their automobiles, especially in downtown areas, as part of the price of cleaning up the air. One scientist said rush hour traffic on bridges, in tunnels, at toll booths and other traffic bottlenecks will have to be reduced by 75% to meet clean air standards the government has ordered for mid-1975. Russell E. Train, President Nixon's top environmental spokesman, also predicted cities will have to limit traffic to meet the 1975 standards. "There will have to be changes in traffic patterns, in the freedom to use automobiles in downtown areas," Train said. "...There will be an increased effort for the development of mass transportation." (Greenville Piedmont, 3-27-72)

What spiritual state will your life be in when you die and go to meet God? You can tell you one thing for sure, you'll die just exactly as you have lived. — John Bisagno in *The Power of Positive Preaching to the Saved*, a Broadman book

Every step that a man takes away from God is a step down. — John Bisagno in *The Power of Positive Preaching to the Saved*, a Broadman book

It will be a glorious day for those who are saved and living for Him. It will be a terrible day for those who are unsaved. — Joe Odle in *Is Christ Coming Soon?*, a Broadman book

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Your Church Should Be Represented

Your church should have messengers present at the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia.

This is not just a routine meeting, but is expected to be another in which important issues will be discussed and major decisions made.

Attendance needs to be as large or larger than any time in recent years. We hope that Mississippi can have several hundred messengers present.

The practice among most Southern Baptist churches is to send the pastor, and usually his wife, and pay their expenses. Many churches also ask laymen to go, and either pay, or share in paying their expenses.

Hundreds of churches in Mississippi should make arrangements now for the pastor and his wife to go, and to pay

their whole expense. Those which can do so also should seek to be represented by laymen.

Few investments which the church can make, will bring a larger return than sending the pastor to the annual national convention.

They have a voice in the decisions which are made there.

They receive a first hand report on the things that are done.

They help their pastor to grow in understanding of the denominational program, and the whole fellowship of Baptists, and thus bring to their church the personal touch with the world Baptist family.

If you have not already done so, now is the time to provide a way for your pastor and others to go.

NEWEST BOOKS

GROWING IN ONENESS by John C. Howell (Convention, 140 pp.).

Another book in the Southern Baptist Convention study course. This one deals with Christian marriage and discusses how to make that marriage and home Christian.

A CHURCH AT WORK by Allen W. Graves (Convention Press, 136 pp.).

A study of the modern church and its program. The author is a dean at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In this volume he discusses the varied relationships, polity and programs of the New Testament church. This is a study course volume.

WAYS TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL by Gerald D. Iverson (Regal, 109 pp., \$1.95).

This is the adult volume, the international center for learning teachers — leaders success handbook. This volume is especially directed toward adults. While this is not a Southern Baptist program, we are sure that our leaders can find valuable helps in it.

WAYS TO HELP THEM LEARN by Barbara J. Bolton (Regal, 149 pp., paper, \$1.95).

The International Center for learning handbook of guidance for setting up Bible teaching programs for children grades 1 to 6. While this is from another Christian group, it has valuable suggestions which should prove most helpful to Baptist leaders.

LIGHTNING FLASHES Poems by Mark Lowry (Published by the author, Rt. 7, Hopkinsville, Ky. 42240, 75 pp., \$2.00).

The author formerly pastored in Mississippi. He also served pastorates in Kentucky, was three years a Chaplain in World War II, and taught in Bethel Baptist College in Hopkinsville, Ky. He presents 43 of his poems which he chooses to call "Lightning Flashes". They are divided into four areas of truth. Part one is flashes of naked truth, giving views of the author concerning events of the mid-sixties. Part two is flashes of providential care. Part three — flashes of kingdom activity and part four — flashes of human emotion. Each poem brings a message of truth and the author is able to express his own souls feelings through the instrument of well chosen words. You will find this to be a most readable and rewarding selection of poetry. The book is attractively mimeographed with a paper cover.

SUSPECT TENDERNESS by William Stringfellow and Anthony Towne (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 177 pp., \$5.95).

Two men who were involved in the Berigan Case present their views concerning it. Many readers will not agree with the conclusions of the volume, but will better understand the point of view of those involved.

SONGS THAT LIFT THE HEART by George Beverly Shea (Revell, 125 pp., \$3.95).

Through writer Fred Bauer, Bev Shea has revealed those forces which moved him

to devote his entire life and talent to the service of God. The man who is known as the world's most beloved singer, tells much of the exciting story both of his early life and of his long years with Billy Graham. This is a book which you will want to linger with and return to for spiritual uplift.

PROFITABLE BIBLE STUDY by Wilbur M. Smith (Baker, 166 pp., pocketbook paper, \$1.65).

The second revised edition of a very popular volume by one of today's greatest Bible teachers, Dr. Wilbur M. Smith. Dr. Smith discusses the value of Bible study, methods of Bible study, the Bible reading habits of some well-known men and then includes a list of over 100 basic books which the serious Bible student could well have in his library.

MIRACLES IN MY LIFE by Rex Hubbard (Revell, 125 pp., \$3.95).

Rex Hubbard has led in the development of a great independent church in Akron, Ohio and now has a nationwide television program. His church is known as the Cathedral of Tomorrow and he is building an ever growing complex of Christian activity in relationship with it. This is his own personal story of his life from his boyhood in Arkansas to the worldwide ministry of the present hour.

PREACHING VALUES IN TODAY'S ENGLISH VERSION by David A. MacLennan (Abingdon, 192 pp., \$4.75) Brief studies of over 140 key passages in the new translation "Good News For Modern Man." These are not sermons but studies which should open windows for sermon preparation. At the same time the book should prove to be of great value for devotional study since it gives outlines on many of the great texts of the New Testament.

TWO A PENNY by Stella Linden and David Winter (Tyndale, 128 pp., \$3.95) A story from London. It was made into a film by the Billy Graham Organization. In this edition it is in a popular form for wide reading.

TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE by Carl S. Shoup (Spire Books — Revell, 220 pp., \$3.95) Multiple choice questions and answers on hundreds of Bible verses will really test your knowledge of the Bible, but also will help challenge to Bible study.

TURNING TO GOD by William Barclay (Baker, 163 pp., \$1.50) The popular Bible teacher and writer presents a series of lectures on conversion as revealed in the book of Acts and in today's life. The author says that the currently popular understanding of the term "conversion" is much different from "conversion" founded on commitment to Jesus Christ and a life of ever growing fruitfulness. He pleads for a much closer connection between conversion and the church.

NATURE: GARDEN OR DESERT by Eric C. Rust (Word, 150 pp., \$4.95).

Dr. Rust is a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This book discusses a theology of the environment. He presents a biblical approach to nature, the scientific background of environmental problems, man the predator or a spoiler of the environment and then deals with contemporary insight and finally the Christian responsibility for the environment.

DELIGHTFUL THREE - MINUTE OBJECT TALKS by John H. Sargent (Baker, 164 pp., \$1.50).

Three minute talks surrounding objects and ideas well known to boys and girls. Alphabetically arranged by subject.

MIRACLES AND PARABLES OF THE BIBLE IN CROSSWORD PUZZLES (Baker, paper, \$1.50)

Fifty-two puzzles based on the miracles and parables in the Bible.

THE JESUS PEOPLE — OLD-TIME RELIGION IN THE AGE OF AQUARIUS by Ronald Enroth, Edward E. Ericson, and C. Breckinridge Peters (Eerdmans, 249 pp., \$5.95) A thorough study of the Jesus Movement in America today. Here we see hippies and drug addicts professing their Christianity; young people picketing theaters and pornographic bookstores urging repentance; people of all ages claiming new meaning and purpose in life. Chapters deal with the movement in its many facets and locations. The authors seek to show the false and the true in this movement, but do not cover up anything. The book is profusely illustrated and one reads its pages with amazement, with bewilderment, and with mixed emotions.

SIMPLE SERMONS ON LIFE AND LIVING by W. Herschel Ford (Zondervan, 116 pp., \$2.95) This book is another in the almost legendary "simple sermons" series by Dr. Ford. Included are 11 sermons on varied topics.

THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER by G. Campbell Morgan (Baker, paper, 128 pp., \$1.95) Reprint of the book first published in 1906. Reflections on the disciples' request, "Lord, teach us to pray."

INSPIRING FINGERPRINT DEVOTIONS by Amy Bolding (Baker, \$2.50, 104 pp.) Brief and varied devotions by the well-known author of the series, "Please Give A Devotion."

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND THE OLD TESTAMENT by A. A. van Ruler (Eerdmans, 104 pp., paper \$2.45) This scholar believed that the Old Testament message was definitely related to the New Testament revelation. The book was written several years ago and just now is being translated into English. It provides needed enlightenment on the relationship of the Old Testament and the New.

Mississippi College: Good Steward

By Chester E. Swer

The nature of my work has permitted me to visit practically all of the outstanding college and university campuses of a large part of our nation. I have seen their buildings and equipment; I have reviewed their curriculum offerings; I have surveyed their faculty lists; I have learned something of their contributions to American life. Therefore, I have more than a sectional or provincial basis for this observation: I believe that Mississippi College has done more and gone farther with the resources and facilities available to it than has any other small college in America.

During times of financial crisis, the college has retrenched, but it has steadfastly refused to lower the quality of faculty or curriculum. During the blackest part of the depression of the 1930's with faculty personnel understandably reduced in number, the college had a magnificent quality of scholarship on its faculty; and, during that difficult

period, the college revised all of its scholarship demands of students to the highest level in its history. During my undergraduate years, I learned from old-timers that, even when the college had only three buildings (Chapel, Middle Building, Academy Building), there was a very real sense of greatness of personality and quality of instruction, despite minimal buildings and equipment.

Therefore I feel that the commendation of Matthew 25:21 can be accorded our Alma Mater for her good stewardship of whatever resources have been available to her through the years: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

It is my profound conviction that Mississippi College, an excellent steward of past resources, deserves even larger resources. . . larger, even than the reasonable goal in the current Commitment Campaign!

Uniform Lessons Are 100 Years Old

NASHVILLE — One hundred years ago, on April 18, 1872, the widely popular plan of Sunday School lessons known as the Uniform Series had its birth. The organization of a committee to plan such lessons was accomplished in Indianapolis, Indiana, in connection with the meeting of the Fifth National Sunday School Convention.

"This was a highly significant forward step in the history of the Sunday School movement," says Howard P. Colson, editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "The 1872 action followed years of confusion in Sunday School lesson publishing."

The Uniform Lesson system came into being and was popularized mainly through the influence of two men—a young Methodist preacher, John H. Vincent, and a Baptist lay Sunday School superintendent, B. F. Jacobs, both of Chicago.

In celebration of the centennial, the present committee on the Uniform Series will hold its annual meeting in Indianapolis, April 23-28.

About 50 per cent of Southern Baptist churches now use Uniform lessons. The series is currently known to Southern Baptists as the Convention Uniform Series. These Sunday School Board lessons are written only by Southern Baptist writers, even though the selection of Bible passages and topics is done by the interdenominational committee, explained Colson in commenting on the plan.

During the century of Uniform Lesson history, Southern Baptists have exerted a strong influence on the committee, said Colson.

"In 1878, John A. Broadus, professor at Louisville Seminary, was elected to the group and in time became probably its most powerful member. Upon the death of Broadus in 1895, John R. Sampey, also professor at Louisville, was chosen to succeed him. He served on the committee for almost half a century and was chairman for twenty-seven years. Clifton J. Allen, now retired editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, served on the committee twenty-seven years and was its chairman from 1960 to 1967. During more than one third of its existence, the group has had a Southern Baptist chairman," Colson said.

Ora Church Sets Homecoming May 7

Ora Baptist church will have Homecoming on May 7. We want to invite all who have been connected with our church over the years to return and have fellowship with us on this day. There will be dinner after the morning service and special music that afternoon.

Former pastor Alex Abercrombie will be the speaker for the morning services and former music director Billy Massengale will be leading the singing and presenting special music.

"God loves you! That's what Christ is all about," Ron Willis in *A View from the Streets*, a Broadman book.

Alta Woods, Jackson Will Mark 25th Anniversary

Members and former members of Alta Woods Baptist Church will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church Sunday, May 7.

Dr. Joe Cothen, pastor from 1958 until 1968, now pastor of Oak Park Baptist Church, New Orleans, will bring the morning message. Mr. Jacques Kearns, former Minister of Music, now serving First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia, will sing.

Dinner will be served on the church grounds behind the children's building, followed by singing and fellowship.

Evening services will begin at 6:30 with former pastors Rev. Percy Cooper of Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, and Rev. Clyde Davis, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, N. C., speaking. Bill Santo, former minister of music, now with Horseshoe Drive Baptist Church, Alexandria, La., will lead the singing. Mr. Kearns will sing, and Mrs. Tom Bratcher will play the organ.

All former staff members, charter members, and former members of Alta Woods will honor guests for the day.

Alta Woods became a church on May 2, 1947, at the close of a tent revival conducted by Rev. D. A. McCall, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. There

Hawaii Baptists

Purchase New Home For Academy

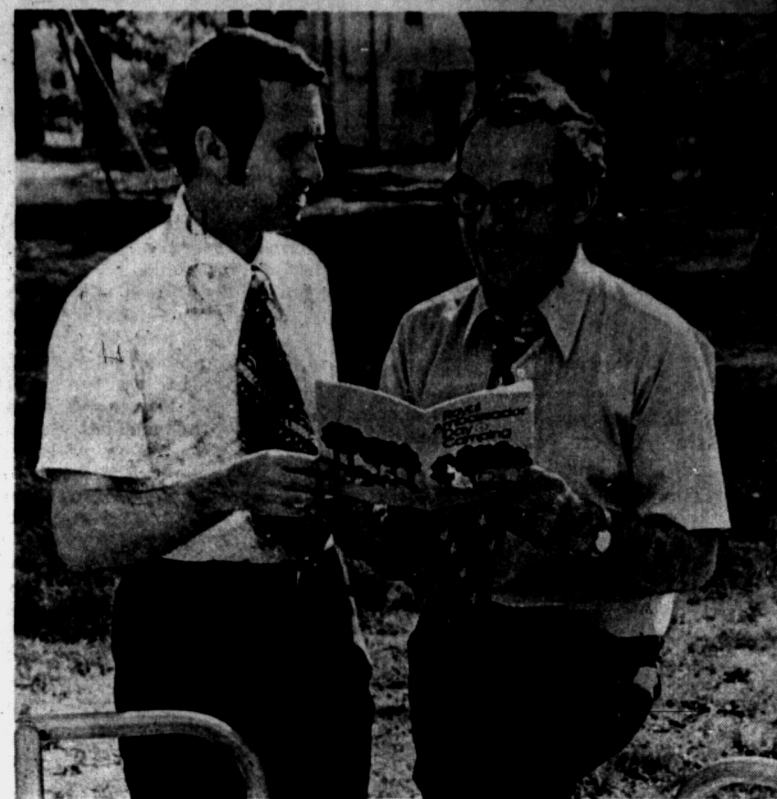
HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP) — The Hawaii Baptist Convention, in a public auction here, has purchased a 13½ acre estate at a cost of \$553,000 as the new home of the Hawaii Baptist Academy.

Purchase of the property for the Academy was authorized in a called meeting of the convention's Executive Board one day prior to the public auction.

Included on the "beautifully landscaped property" is a large residence with 9,000 square feet of floor space. The building was constructed of reinforced concrete in 1910.

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New Day Camping Book

Paul Harrell, Mississippi Brotherhood associate, got a preview of *Royal Ambassador Day Camping*, published recently by the Brotherhood Commission during the annual Brotherhood Planning and Promotion Conference in Memphis, April 18-20. Examining the book with Harrell is Clayton Gilbert, Crusader consultant at the Commission. The day camping guide is now available in Baptist book stores for \$1.00. — Brotherhood Commission-Photo by Tim Fields

Regional Mission Action Workshop Scheduled For Ouachita University

Mississippi residents will have a second chance at intensive mission action training May 17-19.

This, the ninth of fifteen regional mission action workshops, will be held at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

The workshop, part of the first large-scale mission action training project ever fielded, is sponsored by

Present staff members are Dr. Charles Myers, pastor; Marian Seward, minister of education, Bill Pharr, minister of music; Mrs. Norman Rodgers, organist; Mrs. W. L. Crumpton, kindergarten director and Mrs. W. K. Everett, hostess.

The present church membership is 2,456 with a Sunday School enrollment of 2,055.

Friends and former members are invited to come back to Alta Woods Sunday, May 7, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church.

Woman's Missionary Union and the Home Mission Board.

All kinds of mission action workers are invited. Pastors, church staff members, WMU officers and leaders, and mission action group members are most likely to benefit from the program.

People from all states touching Arkansas will be participating in the conference.

Mississippi mission actioners will have one other convenient workshop choice. It will be held at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, June 26-28.

Reservations for room and board at Ouachita should be sent to: Dean B. Aldon Dixon, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923. For reservations, send \$2.00 fee per person.

Cost will be \$10.00 per person for room and board, plus \$1.00 for items.

No fees will be charged other than those related to room and board.

Alumnae, May Day Set For Blue Mountain College

Events for the all-important weekend of Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, are listed especially in the interest of former students and graduates of Blue Mountain College, their families, and friends. Also, the early information is published for the purpose of extending a cordial welcome to the general public in phases of the programs to which everybody is invited.

On Friday, May 5, at 2:30 p.m., there will be a meeting of the National BMC Alumnae Association Board which will be held in the office of Dr. E. Harold Fisher, College President. At 6:30 p.m. on the same date, a reception honoring members of the Reunion Classes — 1971, 1967, 1957, 1947, 1937, 1922, and 1912, will be held in Whitfield Residence Hall Faculty Drawing Room. At 8:00 p.m., also on Friday, May 5, the spring musical production, "My Fair Lady," will be presented with its second performance in Garrett Auditorium.

The schedule for Blue Mountain's momentous May Day, Saturday, May 6, is as follows: All Day Art Exhibition (General Art Show) to be held on the third floor of the Lawrence T. Lowrey Administration Building, and individual Senior Art Exhibitions which will be set up in the Paschal

Student Center by art major and minors — Linda Atkinson, Decatur, Ala.; Gladys Bowlin, Hickory Flat, Willie Medford, Blue Mountain, and Jamie Reeder, Pontotoc; Alumnae Registration, Paschal Student Center, 9:00 a.m.; Business Session for Alumnae, Garrett Auditorium, 9:45 a.m.; Joyce Hall Beasley (Mrs. William M.) of Tupelo, presiding; 11:00 a.m., Recognition of Reunion Classes, Garrett Auditorium; Closing morning feature, Announcement of "Alumnae of the Year"; 12:00 noon, Alumnae Luncheon, Ray Dining Hall — Program Speaker, Jane Ray Bean Denny (Mrs. Robert), Arlington, Va., a 1947 graduate of Blue Mountain College and for five years, Baptist Student Union Director of the College; 1:30 p.m., Individual Class Reunions to be held in places designated on Alumnae Day Programs; 4 p.m., Seventy-Second May Festival and Coronation of Queen Jamie Reeder of Pontotoc by Dr. E. Harold Fisher, College President, Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium; and 8:00 p.m., the third performance of the BMC spring production, "My Fair Lady," Garrett Auditorium. May Day guests and the general public are cordially invited to view the General and Individual Art Exhibitions and the May Festival Program.



To Reign At May Festival

On May 6, at 4:00 p.m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, Jamie Reeder (left) of Pontotoc will reign over the traditional May Festival as the seventy-second May Queen, and Sandra Williams (right) of Clarksdale will serve as Maid of Honor. Miss Reeder is the daughter of Mrs. Jamie Ruth Reeder and the late Mr. Reeder of Pontotoc, and Miss Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams of Clarksdale.

Four Seminary Professors To Lead Mediterranean Cruise Study Program

Four professors from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will combine their 75 years of graduate level teaching experience to make a 16-day Mediterranean jet cruise more memorable for 280 persons this summer.

The group will jet from Dallas to Athens on June 12 and then board the 300-capacity Greek ship which will serve as a floating hotel for a cruise of six countries and three Greek isles.

Dr. Curtis Vaughan, Dr. Huber Drumwright and Dr. Gene LaCoste Munn, professors of new Testament, and Dr. William Tolar, professor of biblical backgrounds, will lead daily on-board dinner hour discussions on the historical, archeological and biblical settings of the places to be visited each day.

The professors have also prepared a souvenir notebook for a day-by-day guide for the itinerary, which covers the footsteps of Jesus and the journeys of Paul, and the churches of Asia Minor.

The cruise study program is made more enjoyable, according to Dr. David Meier, founder of Meier International Study League, the sponsors of the cruise, since the traveller is not constantly shifting to another hotel. This concept is an outgrowth of experience gained on similar cruises by Dr. and Mrs. Meier, who during the past three years have personally escorted more than 1,000 travellers to points around the world.

"Attendance at the discussion groups is entirely at the option of the passenger," said Dr. Meier. "It

is simply an effort to make the sights more meaningful and the investment in the trip more valuable."

Only \$985 pays for the round-trip air fare from Dallas, the cruise, all meals, sightseeing, transfers and portage.

A free color brochure with more details about the study program, the itinerary and the accommodations on the ship is available from Meier International Study League, 1209 Redbud Dr., Hurst, Tex. 76053. Or one may contact any of the professors involved at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, P. O. Box 22000-V, Fort Worth, Tex. 76116.

Information about course credit from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is also available upon special request.



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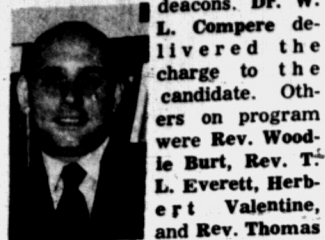
Randy McKinney, 18, pictured, was licensed to the gospel ministry on March 3 by Riverport Church, Greenville. A graduate of Leland Academy, he is now a student at Clarke College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hodges of Leland.

William Caten, a student at Mississippi College, has been called as Youth Director of the Harrisville Baptist Church (Simpson County). William began his work April 1 and will continue until school begins. William is married to the former Shelia Hope of Leland. William is the son of Mrs. Tommie Simpson of Millry, Alabama.

Perry (Perk) Perkins of Greenwood has been elected president of the Mississippi College Baptist Student Union for the 1972-73 school session in a campus-wide election.

Perkins, a junior, defeated sophomore Darrell Boggs of Laurel for the top post. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Perry Clinton Perkins of Greenwood.

Rev. Durwood E. McGuffee, pictured, was ordained to the gospel ministry at Bethel Church near Newton on April 9. He had been licensed to preach by the same church last year. Rev. J. H. Bethune, Bethel pastor, preached the ordination sermon. Dr. John F. Carter gave the charge to the Lawrence Church, where Mr. McGuffee is pastor. Presentation of the Bible from Bethel Church was made by Howard Mason, chairman of deacons. Dr. W. L. Compere delivered the charge to the candidate. Others on program were Rev. Woodie Burt, Rev. T. L. Everett, Herbert Valentine, and Rev. Thomas Kilpatrick. Mr. McGuffee is married to the former Carolyn Walker of Newton, and they are the parents of Sherry, 7, and Durwood, Jr., 2. After graduation from Clarke this spring, Mr. McGuffee plans to enter Mississippi College.



Dr. John R. Blair, professor of education at Mississippi College, has been selected as one of 18 education teachers throughout the country to attend a special college teacher program in elementary science education at the University of Houston June 5-23 under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation.

Rev. Ebert Hunsucker, (pictured) pastor of new Harmony Baptist Church, Potts Camp, was ordained to preach 3 years ago in May. He and his wife Virginia have two children, Sandra and Kevin. He entered armed service during the Korean war in 1952, he graduated from basic training in Camp Roberts in California.

Elected by students of Blue Mountain College to fill places of leadership on the Baptist Student Union Council for 1972-73, are the following: President, **Teresa Collins**, Corinth; Vice-President, **Marilyn Lamphere**, Tupelo; Secretary - Treasurer, **Bonnie Byrd**, Fayetteville, Tenn.; Devotional Chairman, **Judy McCormick**, Memphis; Enlistment Chairman, **Brenda Yarborough**, Saltillo; Missions Chairman, **Betty McElmore**, Columbus; Music Director, **Joanne Pryor**, Jacksonville, Fla.; Social Chairman, **Cindy Boyd**, Memphis; Publicity Chairman, **Brenda McGee**, Germantown, Tenn.; Christian Citizenship Chairman, **Linda Nolan**, Pittsboro; Sunday School Director, **Wanda Weatherly**, Fulton, Ala.; Training Union Director, **Beverly Hemphill**, Leland; and Faculty Advisor, **G. Edward Ludlow**.

Rev. Landres E. Wilburn, Lincoln County, has accepted Shiloh Memorial Church, Gulf Coast Association, effective April 2. He was pastor at Big Springs Church two years and there were 19 additions during that time.

Carey College minister's student, **James Beck**, was ordained recently to the Gospel Ministry by the Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. Beck, a Dean's List Scholar at Carey, has been called as pastor of the Neely Baptist Church in Neely. He was formerly minister of youth at Main Street in Hattiesburg. Dr. John Barnes officiated at the ordination service and was assisted by the father, D. C. Beck, and father-in-law, N. A. Pugh, of the candidate. Dr. Harold Fuggian of New Orleans Seminary gave the charge and Dr. O. A. Sullivan prayed the closing prayer. Beck is married to the former Marla Pugh and the couple has two daughters, Stacy and Kris.

Rev. and Mrs. William D. Moseley, missionary appointees for Brazil, may now be addressed at 3333 Seventh St., N., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33703. A Floridian, Moseley was born in Wauchoke and later lived in Avon Park and St. Petersburg. Mrs. Moseley is the former Barbara Cooke of Crowder, Miss.

Jimmy Knight, new youth director, was welcomed into the Carnation Church on Sunday, April 9. He was presented the key to the church. Knight is a student at Clarke College. He participated in the North East High School Band in Laurel for six years, was minister of music at Parkhaven Church, Laurel, and for the past two years has been a member of the Trailmen Quartet, an evangelistic singing group. He is also a member of the Chorus and Choral-aires at Clarke College. He was licensed to the gospel ministry in January, 1970, and has preached and participated in revivals, youth retreats, youth rallies, and youth associational meetings in many areas. Already there have been four decisions as a result of his work in the church. Rev. Edward Pendergrast is pastor.

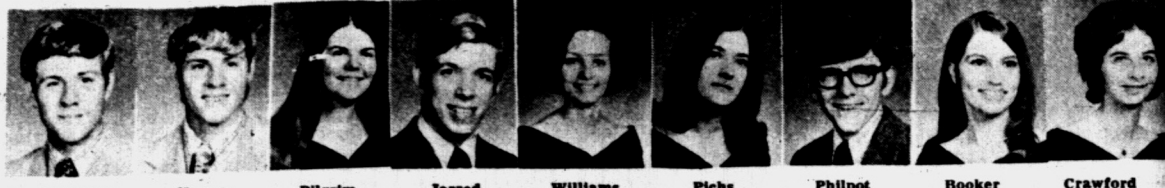
Bill McIntosh has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi Baptist Hospital for the 1972-73 academic year.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy McIntosh of McComb, and a graduate of Southwest Junior College at Summit. He is a first year x-ray student at the hospital.



In picture at left Rev. George Harper (at left), pastor of Beulah Baptist Church, Magee, presents certificate of ordination to Jimmy McNair, who surrendered to preach. In photo at right the pastor is giving certificate to Terry Runnels, who also has surrendered to preach. Both are available for supply. Call 849-5112 at Magee.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob G. Magee, missionaries who have completed language study in Costa Rica, were scheduled to fly April 20 to Chile (address: Casilla 3388, Santiago, Chile). Both are natives of Mississippi he is from Tylertown, and she is the former Dolores Bradley of Gulfport. Before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970, he was minister of music and associate pastor of Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss., for nearly two years.



Home Board Appoints Seven From Clarke

Excitement reigned at the Clarke College student post office recently as exuberant students ripped open envelopes bearing the return address of the Home Mission Board. "I'm going to New York!" "Oh, boy, I'm going to work in Texas this summer with the Spanish-speaking people." Fellow students crowded around, rejoicing with those who had received definite appointments and those who were notified of their selection as alternates. The following students, and their places of

service for the summer, are freshmen at Clarke: Ricky Henson of Meridian, for North Carolina; Ralph Henson, of Meridian, for North Dakota. Graduating sophomores include: Beth Pilgrim of Philadelphia, for New York; Jon Jarred of Pensacola, Fla., also for New York; Jan Williams of Jackson, for Washington-Oregon; Wil Philpot of Camden, Ala., for Indiana; and Rebecca Pichs of Cuba, for Texas. The two alternates selected are Freshmen Belva Booker of Meridian and Pam Crawford of Jackson.

'Coffee, Carnations' Theme Of National Hospital Week At State Baptist

"Coffee and Carnations" is the theme of National Hospital Week at Mississippi Baptist Hospital May 7-13. "We hope all our friends will drop

by for a cup of coffee during the week," said hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor. "We know how busy everybody is these days," said Pryor. "But the coffee pot is on, for those who can come by." Ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary will pour coffee in the lobby and at the emergency-room entrance.

able on request throughout the four "coffee" days. "We will be glad to escort our friends over the hospital or just take them to any portion they'd like to see," she said.

L. D. Wall Accepts Post In Attala

Rev. Leon D. Wall, (pictured), superintendent of missions of the Grenada-Yalobusha Associations, has accepted a similar position with the Attala Baptist Association, effective May 1.

Mr. Wall, a native of Louisiana, is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He has pastored churches in Louisiana, and Mississippi. His last pastorate before entering Associational Missions was the First Baptist Church, Tutwiler, Miss.

While serving as pastor, he served six years on the Mississippi Baptist Board from Leflore and Tallahatchie Associations. He also served as president of the Clarke College Alumni Association in 1968.

Bro. Wall is married to the former Beryl Joyce Wall of Lake Providence, La. They have one son Ronnie, who is Athletic Director at Ita Bena. He and his wife Linda have two daughters, Sandee and Susan.

The Attala Baptist Association is sponsoring a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wall, Sunday, May 7, at the First Baptist Church of Kosciusko, from 2:00-4:30 p.m.

They will be on hand from 8 a. m. to 11 a. m. and again from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m. May 8, May 10, May 11 and May 12. On Tuesday, May 9, volunteers will greet physicians and present them with bright red carnations. "This will be done as a token of our appreciation for the excellent men who make up our medical staff," said Pryor.

Mrs. Katherine Feldman, hospital hostess and coordinator of volunteers, is chairman for the observance. She said tours of the hospital will be avail-

"So many people have expressed interest in our Progressive Care Unit," said Mrs. Feldman. "This would be a good chance for them to see the P.C.U., if they care to."

The unit, across the street from the main hospital, has been referred to by some as "The Baptist Hilton," because of its modern decor for patients who do not need around-the-clock nursing service.

National Hospital Week is sponsored annually by the American Hospital Association. The idea was initiated in 1920 — the 100th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, who is credited with having established the modern profession of nursing.



North Calvary, Philadelphia, Begins New Auditorium

North Calvary Church, Philadelphia, held a groundbreaking service April 2, for a new auditorium and additional educational space. Construction is now underway and when completed will have a seating capacity of 450. The new building will be an expansion of the present building and will be most modern with approximately 8000 sq. ft. of extra space. The church was organized in 1960, and moved to its present site in 1962. The membership has increased each year and now has a present membership of 323. Pictured is part of the congregation and building committee who took part in the ceremony. The pastor, Rev. David Kendall, Johnnie Nicholson, builder, Bill Fox, Arnold Clark, builder, M. J. Cosgrove, L. B. Chaney, James Porter and Roger Winters.

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East Philadelphia Calls Pastor
 Rev. Olyn Roberts, his wife Eloise, and thirteen year old daughter Debbie, were called in late March and are now on the field. Their address is P. O. Box 304, Philadelphia.

Olyn and his family are natives of Louisville, and just recently returned from Juneau, Alaska, where they served for almost three years. He is a 1957 graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

Harrisville Church Experiencing Growth
 Harrisville Baptist Church is experiencing one of the greatest revivals ever. In March, Rev. Billy Thomas led in revival services at the church, and a great awakening has been experienced in the community. Young people have been witnessing and having prayer meetings.

The church has had 17 professions of faith and four by letter, and there have been a vast number of re-dedications.

Rev. J. A. McCain, the pastor, says, "I came to this church almost seven years ago, and I have not seen this spirit in this church and community since I have been here."

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The Church Responds To Human Need

By Clifton J. Allen
Matthew 25:31-46;
Luke 22: 24-27;

Hebrew 13: 1-3; James 1:27; 2:14-17

In all the aspects of the church's mission, Christ was himself the perfect example. During the brief years of his ministry on earth he "went about doing good." In his description of the final judgment he said that persons would be recognized as his followers on the basis of what they had done in response to the hungry, the thirsty, the unknown, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. He said further that service to such persons would be counted as service to himself. He openly declared that his role was that of a servant, even to the point of being the Suffering Servant to give his life for others. What Jesus taught was echoed by apostolic writers who encouraged Christians in the practice of brotherly love.

The Lesson Explained
MARKS OF GREATNESS
(Luke 22:24-27)

Unbelievable! Here the disciples, in the upper room at the institution of the Lord's Supper, were disputing about who of them would be counted greatest. Jesus told them that their spirit was that of the unredeemed, like pagans, who strive for honor and power and position, who think that prominence or power means greatness. Christians, supposedly, are committed to an altogether different concept of what life means, of what life is for. Jesus said to his disciples that greatness does not consist in authority over other persons but in service to them. He declared also, "I am among you as he that serveth." A church, partaking of the body of Christ, is to make this teaching of Jesus a living reality.

EXPRESSIONS OF BROTHERLY LOVE (Heb. 13:1-3)

Christians ought never to forget that they are to love one another in the Lord. This calls for expressing that love in helpfulness to one another. The matter of showing hospitality to strangers is much more than receiving strangers into one's home. Christians reflect the spirit of Christ by ac-

cepting strangers in a community, by openness and friendliness toward new persons in a place of work, by openness toward persons of other races or persons without the credentials of social status, and particularly by discovering needs which such persons have which call for warmth of friendship and special assistance.

A further admonition of the inspired writer is that Christians are to remember those in prison. His word likely applied to persons who were suffering persecution, persons suffering ill treatment unjustly. There are many persons now who suffer after this fashion, some who are fellow Christians and some who are not but who are victims of oppression and cruelty brought about by injustices in the social order. Here is one area of human need calling for Christian compassion and courageous intervention. But along with innocent victims of oppression, Christians are to remember those in prison for crime, persons in penal institutions, some pending trial and many fulfilling sentences imposed on them. All such persons represent human need of critical and desperate sort.

PROOF OF FAITH (James 1:27; 2:14-17)

The modern church may be very religious but come short of the pure religion described by James. The religion acceptable before God requires help for orphans and widows in their affection and a manner of life that reflects a cleavage break with evil practice and moral compromise. In other words, pure religion shows itself in moral purity, Christlike conduct, and deeds of compassion to assist persons in distress. Further, faith which does not produce works is dead. One is saved by faith, but the kind of faith in Christ which is saving is one which is productive in compassion for another person without food or clothing and productive, further, of action to bring relief. If one lacks this kind of faith, he lacks genuine Christian faith. James teaches ever so clearly that the Christian faith bears the fruit of social compassion. The gospel is truly a social gospel in that it demands and involves response to human need. To ignore this is to ignore part of the gospel of Christ and that means a gospel false to the purpose of Christ for the church.



'Truth' Group To Sing At Calvary, Pascagoula

The popular singing group, TRUTH, shown above, will appear in concert at Pascagoula's Calvary Baptist Church, May 7 at 7:30 p. m.

TRUTH is composed of 11 boys and 3 girls from across America under the direction of Roger Breland. Members of the group are all college age young people.

Recently they sang for a Congress-

sional Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D. C. and were given a standing ovation by the members of Congress. They will be singing at Calvary in the midst of television appearances for the America's Junior Miss Pageant in Mobile, Alabama.

Their second LP album has just been released by the John T. Benson Publishing Company in Nashville, Tenn. It will be marketed nationally.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Discipline By God Shows Honesty Of The Bible

Acts 5:1-11, 13-14
By Bill Duncan

The story of Ananias and Sapphira illustrates the honesty of the Bible. The occasion was the selling of land for the purpose of sharing with those who did not have enough income. But instead of sharing it all as they said, they lied about the amount. As a result they dropped dead when confronted with the truth. The story might well have been left out because it shows that even in the early church there were problems because of imperfect Christians. The Bible refuses to make everything appear perfect. The Old Testament characters have great faults but these are presented to us for the purpose of showing how God deals with sin.



Once an artist painted a portrait of Oliver Cromwell. Cromwell was disfigured by warts upon his face. The artist thinking to please the great statesman omitted the disfiguring warts in the portrait. When Cromwell saw the picture he said, "Take it away, and paint me warts and all. This is one of the great truths of God's word. We see the characters with warts and all.

In a day when the church appears to be a mixture of wheat and tares, we need to see how God handled his people through discipline. Today there are a great number who are discouraged because the church is made up of imperfect people. But it has always had imperfection with which to deal.

Discipline is the name of the game when we talk about Christianity. When one sins, he first of all sins against God. Even the sins of our failure to be what we could be against God. Therefore God has the right and position of discipline. Men are punished in this life and will be punished in the life to come for the sins they commit.

A young girl ventured to grasp a live wire that was hanging from a post. She did it in playful fun. Instantly a fearful scream proclaimed the fact that her hand was fastened to that burning current and she was helpless in its grasp. The other hand was quickly raised to loosen her stiffened fingers and it too was caught. Her mother rushed to pull her down but she was flung off by a shock from the

girls body. She seemed lost indeed. At last a man who understood took an ax and severed the wire by striking it against the post. The current was broken, and the girl fell swooning on the ground. Her life was saved, but her hands were cinders for the rest of her life.

Don't play with sin in any form. It is the devil's live wire. Some sin carried with it punishment that is built in. Other sin requires the discipline of God.

There is a proverb found in the third chapter, verse 11-12. "My son despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his corrections. For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a Father the son in whom he delighteth."

The purpose of the discipline is to make stronger disciples. Two brothers missed football practice without excuse. The rule was that if anyone missed a practice without excuse he

had to run so many laps around the football field. When the boys reported for practice the next day, the coach told them to "hit the track". This they did but when the mother saw what was happening she stopped the boys and put them in the car and refused to let them play. These were two needed players, but the coach had rules and they were designed to make the team better. He could not break the rules for one mother's wish.

In the church at Jerusalem the severe discipline by God was designed to make the church as conscious of sin as possible and its effects. The discipline make the church more effective in its witness. There never has been a church that had to be true to God as was the early church. What would happen in your church if God was as strong in discipline as he was to the early church for lying about how much one makes and how much he really gives to the church? The

real test is not what one says but how one feels in his heart. This is where God looks.

There was a time when discipline in the church was abused and this has caused the church to refrain from such today. But if the church is to be pure it must practice the New Testament disciplines. The reason we are having so much trouble today is that there are too many in the church who do not believe the truth of God's word. Today we need to recapture the personal discipline for our lives.

Human life is expendable. Loyalty to one's beliefs and one's God is not. In 1964, the brave writer Nora Wain died at 69. Before World War II she wrote a book exposing Hitler and his Nazi plotters. The book manuscript, *Reaching for the Stars* was intercepted in the German mail on its way to an American publisher. She fled to London, rewrote the book from memory and sent copies to Heinrich Himmler, the Nazi hangman. He took vengeance by imprisoning seven of the authors anti-Nazi friends. Miss Wain came back to Germany in 1939 and offered her life for the freedom of her friends. Himmler offered to empty a whole prison if she would write her book to make Hitler appear good. In refusing she said, "I am willing to forfeit my life, but not my beliefs."

Laurel And Pontotoc Churches Recognized In Church Training

First Church, Pontotoc, and Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, boast of unusual distinction in church training for this year these churches report preschool and children's departments attaining recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide.

Mrs. O. G. James is the Director of Children's Department II of Magnolia Street which has attained Distinguished Recognition. Mrs. J. W. Young is the Preschool Coordinator at First Church, Pontotoc, which has with the past month attained Merit Recognition.

Forty-five churches in the state have attained Merit Recognition for their church training programs but these are the only two to request recognition for a training group of department. Copies of the achievement guides for each of the departments and training groups are available from the office of the Mississippi Church Training Department.

Mrs. G. F. Temple is the Church Training Director at the Laurel church. Larry Young is the Director in Pontotoc and Levon Moore, pastor.



Pastor Gives Book To Visiting Speaker

Reverend Hardy R. Denham, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newton, has printed in booklet form a series of eight messages entitled *Christ Speaks To His Churches*. The sermons are based on Revelation chapters two and three, and can be obtained from the First Baptist Church in Newton for a small cost. Mr. Denham is shown presenting a copy of the book to Dr. Fred M. Wood, pastor of the Eudora Baptist Church in Memphis and a Broadman Press author. Dr. Wood was the preacher for the Spiritual Emphasis Week at the First Baptist Church in Newton.

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West Laurel Church Sets Homecoming

Homecoming will be held at West Laurel Baptist Church May 7. Rev. Joe Hinton, former pastor will be the

guest speaker. Robert M. Coleman, minister of music and youth, will lead the singing. Rev. D. J. Benson is pastor. Dinner on the church grounds. Former members and friends are invited.

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Devotional

What Is Your Life?

By O. P. Moore, Faculty, Clarke College

The world's outstanding teachers from Socrates, Jesus, and on to the present day have made great use of the question. A good question can be highly provocative of thought. James, the half-brother of our Lord, asked in his epistle James 4:14, "For what is your life?" He had asked already a number of piercing questions, but perhaps none are quite equal to this one.

James gives some answers to his question about life in general. First, he says life is brief. "It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14b). It is as a morning fog in other words. When the sun comes up, the fog disappears. Job observed "Man born of woman is of few days—" The Psalmist said, "It is as a tale that is told."

Second, James says life is uncertain. "Whereas, ye know not what shall be on the morrow." (James 4:14a) James is saying, it seems, in so many words that man proposes but God disposes. James seems to be reminding his readers to make good use of the "ifs" of life in planning their lives.

One of the great "ifs" we are to use is "IF" God so wills, we shall do so and so. Perhaps it should be said that the poet was agreeing with James when he wrote these lines:

Our times are in His hands
Who sayeth a whole I have planned.

James is most certainly recognizing the uncertainty of life, and that it is of vital importance that finite creatures as men should consider this fact and that they should take into consideration HIM who is the author, giver, and planner of life.

Third, life may be lived with or without a conscious leadership of God. God may be left out of one's speech and deeds. Verse 13 clearly has this thought where James says, "Go to now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain." It is clearly stated that one who so plans his future is not taking God into consideration. Such a one would doubtless be as W. E. Henley who wrote:

I am the master of my fate
I am the captain of my soul

This poor man quoted above, it is said, died in the insane hospital, which seems to be quite contradictory of his vain boast.

Fourth, life must be accounted for. When sin enters life—and that slimy serpent has crossed the path of all—there is a demand of God that it be accounted for. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." (James 4:17) No truth is more clearly taught in the Scriptures than is this one. Paul said, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Romans 2:6).

The all-important matter is to have our lives hid with Christ in God. Faith in Christ connects our lives with God. An atheist lay dying. He was heard to say, "Pull the curtain; the farce is done." A Christian on the other hand who was dying was heard to say, "Lift the curtain; life has just begun."

What is YOUR life? WHERE is your life?

Ridgeland Completes Successful Sunday School Campaign

Ridgeland Church has just completed a successful Sunday School Attendance Campaign. The campaign was conducted for six weeks, March 5 - April 9.

The goal of the campaign was to average 301 in Sunday School for six weeks. Prior to the campaign, the enrollment was 290 with an average attendance of 237 since October, 1971.

Each department and class set goals and asked each class member to sign a commitment card to attend for the six weeks. The results: Average Attendance - 306; New Sunday School Members - 34; Visitors - 88.

The second week of the Campaign, a new attendance record was set with 356 present.

Rev. Jerry D. Odom is pastor.

FMB Book Editor Honored Upon Her Retirement Apr. 30

Miss Genevieve Greer, book editor of the Foreign Mission Board since 1950, was guest of honor at a luncheon following a meeting of the board in Jackson April 12.



Miss Greer will retire April 30, ending nearly 27 years of service to the board. She began working as secretary to the editor of The Christian Mission magazine in 1945.

In her 22 years as book editor, Miss Greer has been responsible for the editing and production of 107 Graded Series foreign mission study books, 86 teachers' guides, 19 annual reports, four missionary albums and five supplements, and various books written by board staff members.

O'Tuckolofa Homecoming

Homecoming at O'Tuckolofa Church, Yalobusha County, will be observed Sunday, May 7. Rev. Harry Sartain, pastor, announces.

Special guest speaker for the morning service will be Rev. Elvis Vance, pastor of the Airport Church, Grenada. Dinner on the grounds will be followed by singing, featuring the Wilson Brothers of Potts Camp.



Women's Fellowship Celebrates Birthday

The Baptist Women's Fellowship of First Church of Lexington celebrated its first birthday March 23, in the home of Mrs. Will Barrett. Mrs. Emmett Reese, chairman, presided over the meeting and Mrs. Jessie Mayo lead the opening prayer. Mrs. Reese presented a review of last year's meetings and accomplishments beginning with the first meeting March 28, 1971, with 37 ladies present. Other highlights of the year were Bible study, a tour of the Holmes County education center, the reception for the new pastor, Rev. Gus Merritt and family, and a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Sidney Henley. Mrs. Barrett entertained the ladies with slides of colorful trees and flowers from the homes of Lexington residents, still life pictures on the farm of John Word, and roses of Mayor William Moses. Then the ladies were invited into the dining room. The table was centered with a large white birthday cake and red roses.

Church Moves From Memphis To Mississippi

Rev. Armond Taylor, former pastor, Fairhaven Church, Rt. 2, Olive Branch, accepted the call to serve as pastor of the newly-located Longview Heights Church, on April 9. Rev. and Mrs. Taylor and family have moved into their new home on 315 E. Stuart St., Olive Branch.

The Longview Heights Church recently moved to their new site on Goodman Road, from Memphis and is now a part of the Desoto Association. The church is about three miles west of Olive Branch.

Mr. Taylor has served as the only pastor of the Fairhaven Church for a little over ten years and had led the church from a mission status to a fully organized church. About four years ago, the Fairhaven Church sponsored a mission that is now the Meadow Brook Church.

Taylor is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and Memphis Theological Seminary. He is serving as moderator of the Desoto Assn., was formerly on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, also served as Assn. S. S. Director and in other places of leadership.

He states that the Longview Heights Church is now in the process of developing full church organizations, with plans to begin a Church Training program July 2. Plans have been announced for the first revival meeting in the new location with the pastor preaching May 21-23.

The new pastor states, "We commend the faithfulness of the few members who stayed with the church in Memphis and led in making the move

Rev. Armond Taylor is the new pastor of Longview Heights Church, which has moved from Memphis to DeSoto Association in Mississippi.

to Desoto County. We are thankful for their vision in purchasing the 5-acre lot in the fall of 1970 and for guiding in the construction of the new building in 1971."

The church, after being in Memphis for 44 years, moved into their new building in the fall of 1971. Rev. Er-

vin Brown, Supt. of Missions, Desoto Assn., served as supply pastor until Taylor came in April. The new building provides a temporary auditorium, fellowship hall, rest room, Sunday School rooms, and later, as the church grows, a new sanctuary will be built.

REVIVAL RESULTS

PARKHILL, Jackson: April 17-23; Rev. Joe H. Stovall, pastor; Rick Ingle, Denton, Texas, evangelist; Doug Harper, singer; 54 professions of faith; 40 public rededications.

North Calvary, Philadelphia, (Neshoba County): April 9-14; 25 professions of faith; 40 rededications; Rev. Glen Savell of Pascagoula, evangelist; Floyd Grice of Brookhaven, music; Rev. David Kendall, pastor.

First Church, Brooklyn: March 26-31; Rev. Emory G. May, evangelist; Harvey Kelley, music evangelist; Rev. Lavern Musser, pastor; six professions of faith, and three surrender to full time service.

White Sand Church, Prentiss: April 16-21; Rev. Emory G. May, evangelist; Rev. Billy Green, pastor; five professions of faith, three to surrender to full time service, and 38 rededications.

Calvary Church, Holly Springs, Rev. Guy Culver, evangelist, 3 professions of faith in Christ, 3 additions by letter or statement, 10 dedications to greater Christian service. Rev. Charles R. Farmer pastor.

The contemporary youth culture has a decidedly religious dimension, though it rejects as hypocritical any church that fails to meet human needs. — C. W. Brister in *It's Tough GROWING UP*, a Broadman book.

Revival Dates

Raymond Road, Jackson, May 7-12; Rev. Sam Creel, evangelist; services each night during week; dinner on the ground on Sunday, May 7, which will be Homecoming Day; Rev. R. R. Newman, pastor.

North McComb Church, McComb: May 7-12; Rev. James Fancher, evangelist (pictured); Rev. Charles M. Conley, pastor of the church.

Olivet Church, Bel Aire, Gulfport: May 7-14; Rev. Jerry D. Moore, evangelistic preacher - singer, preaching services at 7:30 p.m.; Willard W. Wisby, minister of music of Olivet, in charge of choir and congregational singing; special music tentatively scheduled for Tuesday evening is the Bible Tone Quartet of Lumberton; special youth emphasis Tuesday night; Rev. Floyd E. Hughes, pastor. (Mr. Moore is staff evangelist of Sequoyah Hills Church, Tulsa, Okla. He has had recently released two stereo albums.)

Calvary Church, Gulfport: May 7-12; services each evening at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Russell Harris, Harmony Church, Picayune, evangelist; Jerry McCleary, singer; Rev. Joe Ivy, pastor.

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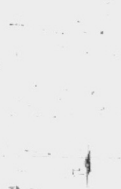
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